

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 29 May 1966 30/0335Z	2. LOCATION Columbus, Westerville, Ohio (5 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓ JHA
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 - 10 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object went straight down with a vapor trail. Appeared as bright as a 100 watt bulb. Round, yellow and orange. Object disappeared behind trees behind house.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Falling towards NE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



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### U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

29 MAY 1966  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 1035  
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern  
b. Central  
c. Mountain  
d. Pacific  
e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED] WESTERVILLE OHIO  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hours Minutes 10 Seconds

a. Certain  
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure  
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? GUESS

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY  
a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

NIGHT  
a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right

d. To your left  
e. Overhead  
f. Don't remember



8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- ☒ d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

\_\_\_\_\_ 100 WATT BULB \_\_\_\_\_

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
  - ☒ b. Like a bright star
  - c. Sharply outlined
  - d. Don't remember

c. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |                                      |                                     |            |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |



14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

YES

BEYOND TREES

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

in front of:

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound

NO

b. Color

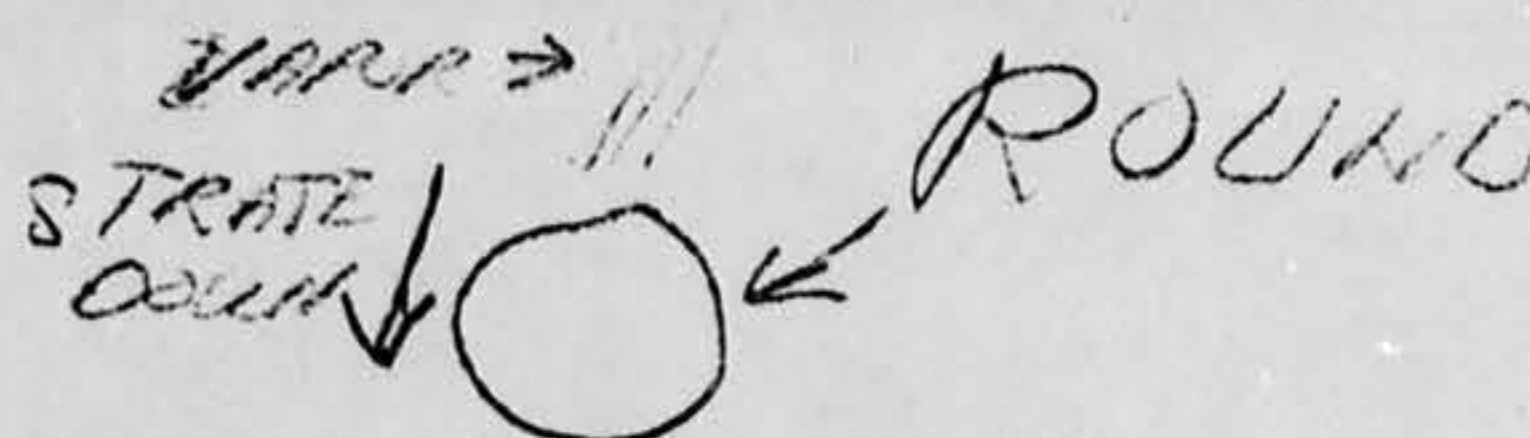
YELLOW AND ORANGE

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

1/8 INCH

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.





20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

☒ a. Inside a building

b. In a car

c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type)

e. At sea

f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

☒ c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

☒ Yes

No

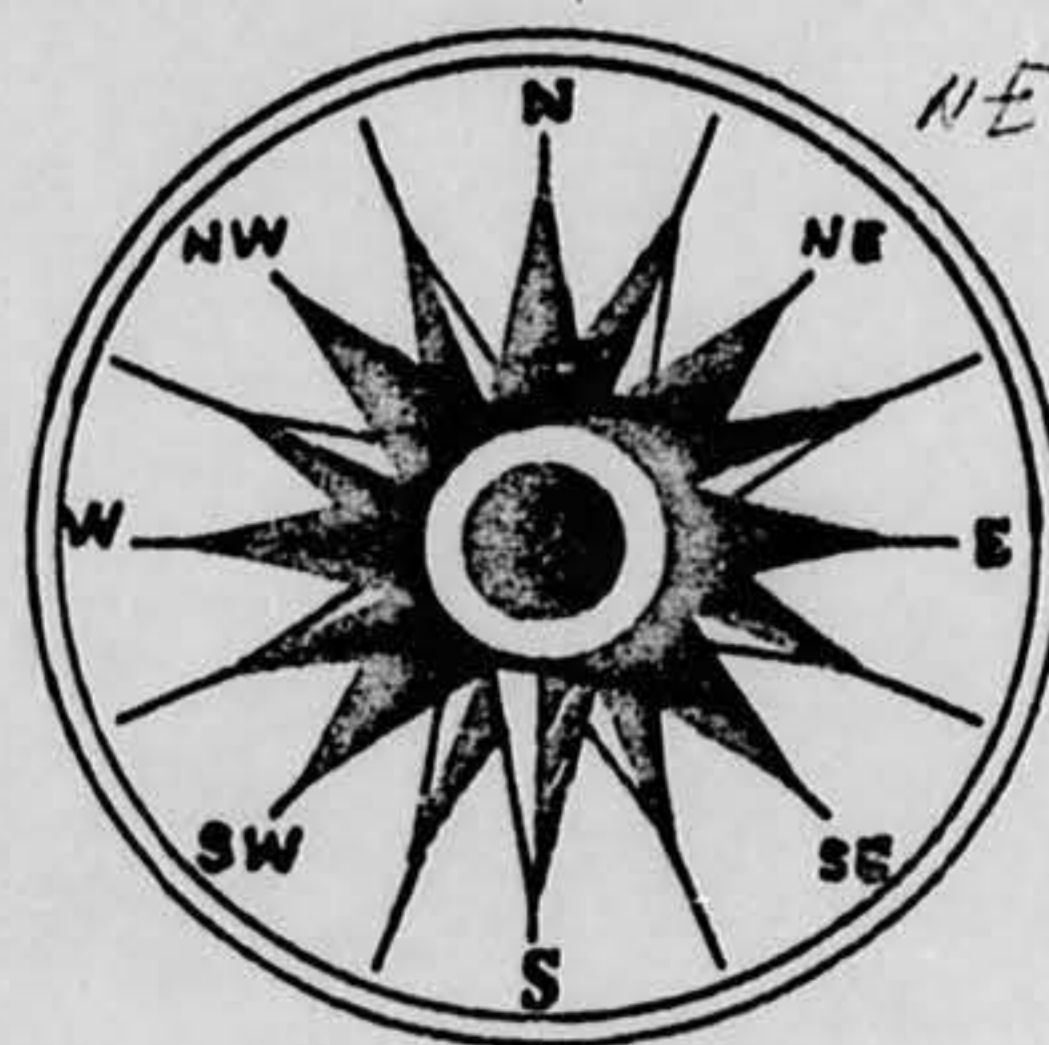
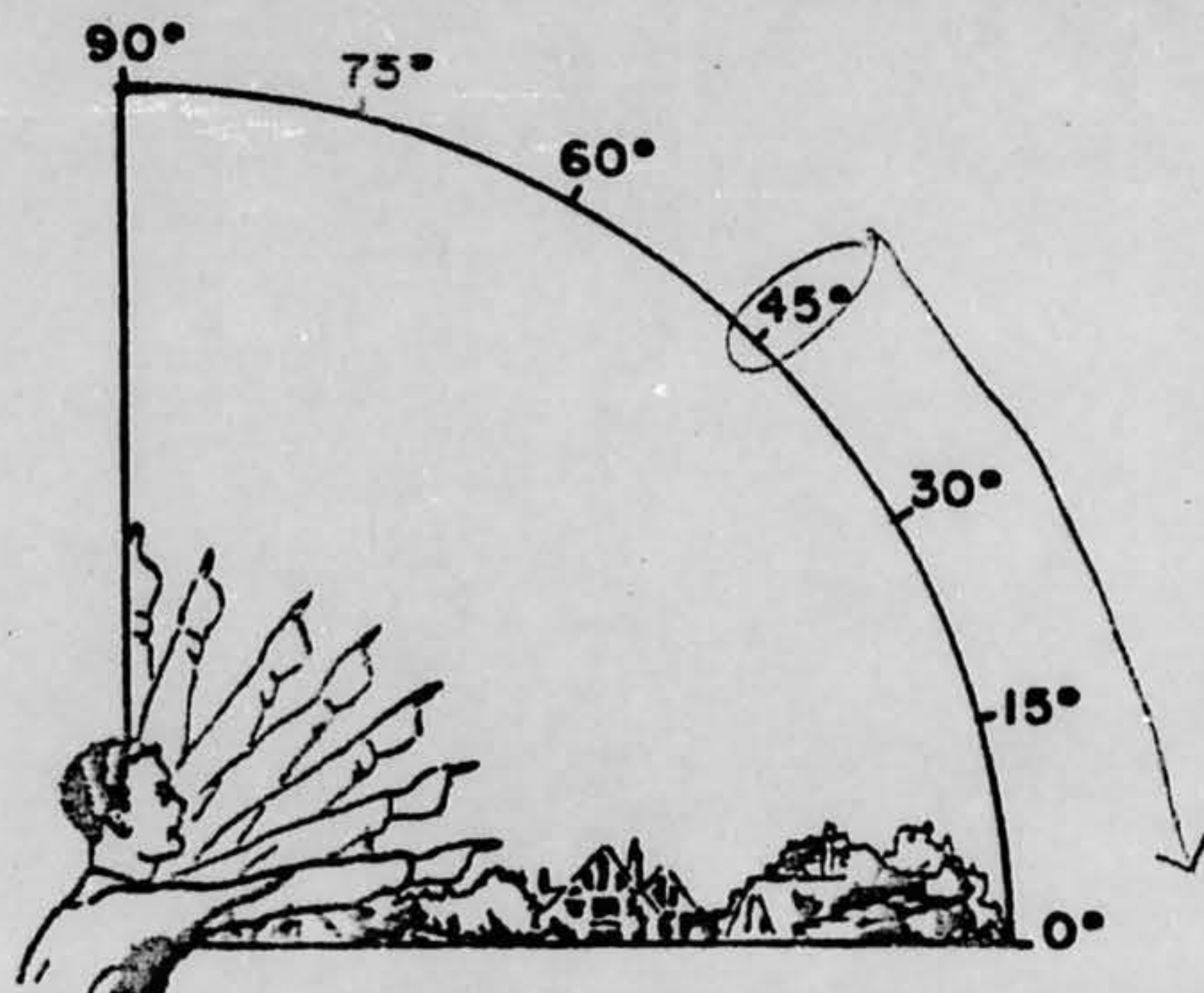
h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A RED HOT BLOON

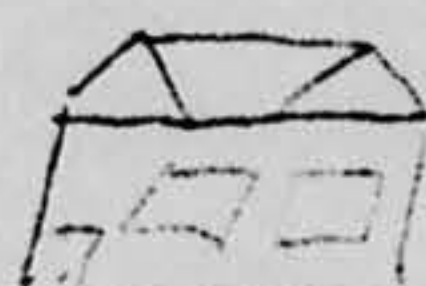


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NE FALLING  
STRAIGHT  
DOWN

28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? NO  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



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**Yes**

**No**

Yes

No

**31.2 Please list their names and addresses:**

[REDACTED]

NAME

**Last Name**

First Name

**Middle Name**

ADDRESS

**Street**

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

**SEX**

*m*

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33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

29

Day

1169

Month

1956

Year

2075



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

1. WEATHER; LCK 2100E 1400/-① 11 0000  
 2200E /-① 11 0000  
 2300E CLEAR 11 0000  
 30/ 0000E CLEAR 11 0000

2. WINDS; 29/1900 EST

5m	3310
10m	2825
15m	2855
20m	2865
30m	2785
40m	2870
50m	2635



COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICIAL:

The description and time of sighting coincides with a bright meteor which was seen in the Columbus, Lockbourne AFB area.

*James D. Ballsmith.*  
JAMES D. BALLSMITH  
Capt., USAF



# 1001 301 7th ASTRO (METEOR) U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 222

Hour

Minutes

(Circle One):

A.M.

or

P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One):

- a. Eastern
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- d. Pacific
- e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One):

- a. Daylight Saving
- b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

CORVUS HALL & COOK ST  
Nearest Postal Address

COLUMBUS  
City or Town

OHIO  
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

Hours

Minutes

2-3 Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? \_\_\_\_\_

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No X

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

NIGHT

- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

SUN SET

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes        | No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | Yes        | No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes        | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes        | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes        | No | Don't know |



14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

*disappeared via Red Flash*

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):      Yes      No      Don't Know.      IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):      Yes      No      Don't Know.      IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound \_\_\_\_\_

b. Color *white* *Red Flash*

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

*covered*

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24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |   |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
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| b. Northeast                              | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)      Yes      No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

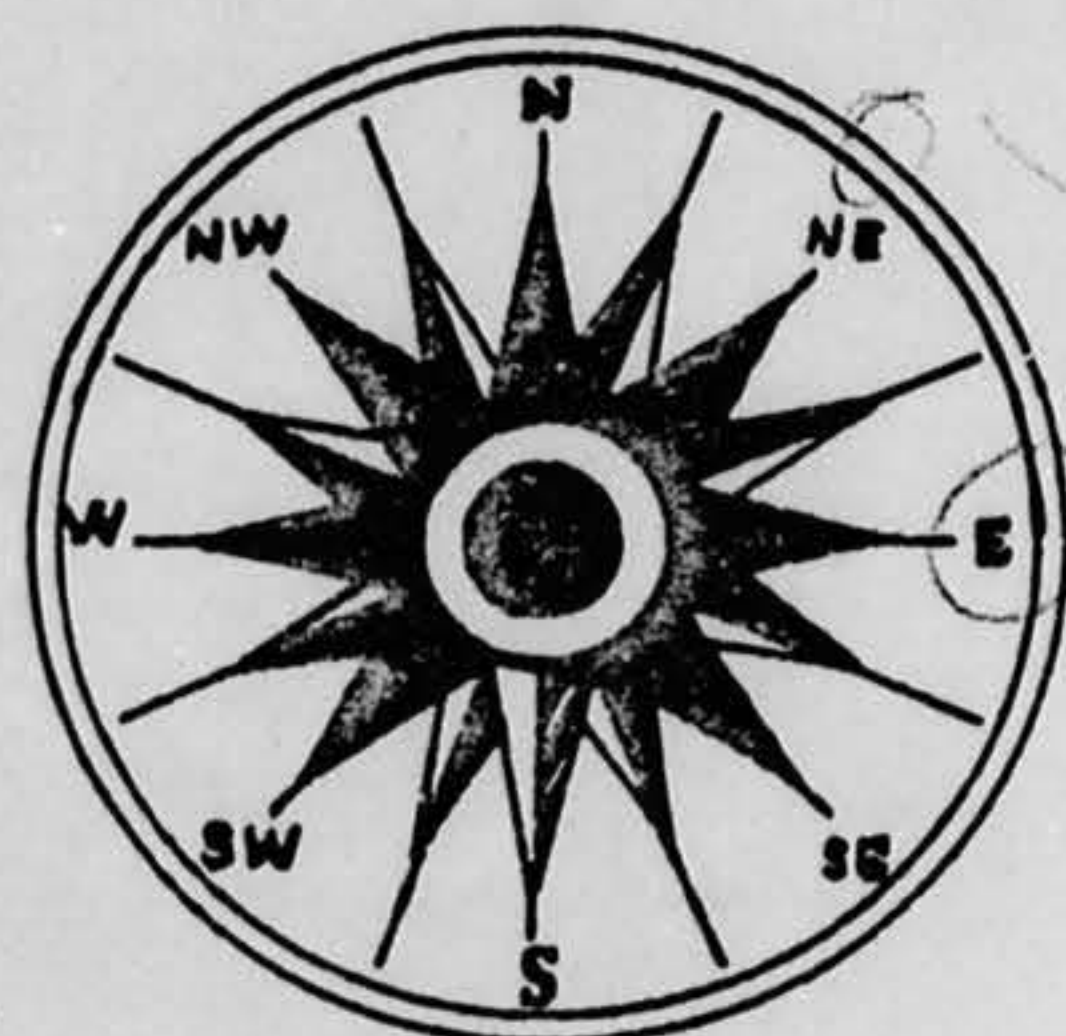
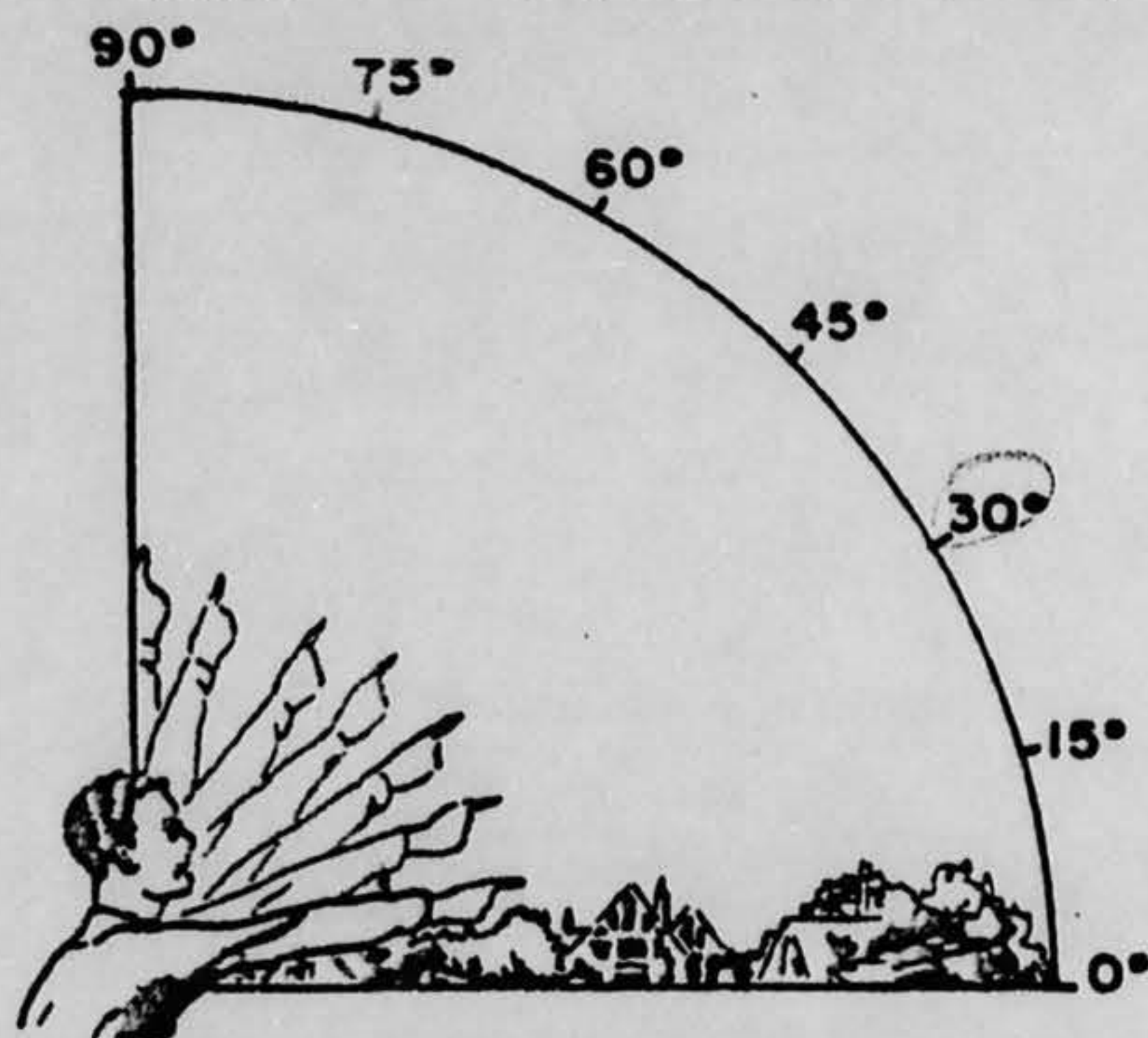
- |                 |                                      |    |                |     |    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes                                  | No | e. Binoculars  | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes                                  | No | f. Telescope   | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes                                  | No | h. Other _____ |     |    |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

*Plane - landing light*



27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

1, WEATHER: LCK 1900E 1400/-①11 3507  
 2000E 1400/-①11 3303  
 2100E 1400/-①11 0000  
 2200E 1400/-①11 0000

2, WINDS: 29/1900 EST

5m	3310
10m	2825
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50m	2635



COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICIAL:

Civil Aircraft were arriving and departing Port Columbus Airport on the dates/times indicated. Descriptions and directions of sightings tie in with Civil Aircraft approaching Port Columbus.

*James D. Ballsmith*  
JAMES D. BALLSMITH  
Capt., USAF